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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, relative to special license plates for honorably discharged veterans and active and retired members of the United States military.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-253(a), is amended by deleting such subsection in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(a)

(1) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles or recreational vehicles who are residents of this state and who are honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces, upon complying with state motor vehicle and recreational vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles or recreational vehicles and upon paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle or recreational vehicle, and a one-time fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) as provided in Section 55-4-203, shall be issued a special license plate, either for an automobile, recreational vehicle, or a truck of one-half (1/2) or three-quarter (3/4) ton rating.

(2) The special registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall only be imposed upon the initial issuance of such special license plates, and only the regular registration fee shall apply to subsequent renewals; provided, however, a fee equal to the cost of providing the special plates, as determined by the commissioner, may be

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imposed in addition to the regular registration fee when new license plates are issued as prescribed by Section 55-4-103(i).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-253(f), is amended by deleting such subsection in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(f) Additional special license plates may be obtained by any eligible person upon payment of the regular license fee for plates, as prescribed under § 55-4-111, plus the payment of a one-time fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) as prescribed in Section 55-4-203.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(40), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(40) Honorably Discharged Veterans of the United States Armed Forces - a one-time fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to be imposed only upon the initial issuance of such special plates;

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.